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In re Application of
Smith & Diaz
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For: STORAGE AND RETRIEVAL OF
ENCRYPTED CONTENT ON STORAGE
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DECISION NOTING JOINDER
AND PETITION UNDER 37 CFR
1.47(a) DISMISSED AS MOOT

Papers filed on July 9, 2002 (certificate of mailing date July 3, 2002) in reply to "Decision Refusing Status Under 37 CFR 1.47(a)" mailed on May 3, 2002, included a declaration signed by the previously nonsigning inventor, Jose Diaz, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63.

In view of the joinder of the inventor, further consideration under 37 CFR 1.47(a) is moot; this application does not have any rule 1.47(a) status and no such status should appear on the file wrapper. This application need not be returned to this office for any further consideration under 37 CFR 1.47(a).

This application will be forwarded to Technology Center 2100 for further processing.

Inquiries related to this decision may be addressed to the undersigned at (703) 308-6712.

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